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## **DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

NAME OF PROPOSAL: Cougar Mountain Access Road Paving and Driveway Connection

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The proposal is for a driveway connection to be constructed between an entrance/access road to Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and a new, nine-home residential development on private property adjacent to the park. The 300-foot-long, two-lane driveway connection will be constructed on park property. The housing development will be permitted by the City of Bellevue, which requires the development to have access from SE Cougar Mountain Drive. Utilities for the development will be installed under the driveway. In addition, the existing gravel entrance/access road for the park (approximately 3,000 lineal feet) will be paved with asphalt, and the existing well and water line that serve the park will be improved. Stormwater runoff from the entrance/access road will be collected by the existing drainage system in the park, and runoff from the driveway will be collected and disposed of off-site as part of the housing development. King County will grant easements for access and utilities to the developer, BSB Enterprises, LLC, upon completion of the surplus approval process and the SEPA review. The intent of the project is to conform to all local, state and federal regulations and requirements.

**LOCATION OF PROPOSED SITE:** The project is located within the boundaries of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park at the end of SE Cougar Mountain Drive in NE quarter of Section 25, Township 24 North, Range 5 East, W.M., and NW quarter of Section 30, Township 24 North, Range 6 East, W.M.

PROPONENT & LEAD AGENCY: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). In making this Threshold Determination, the responsible official has reviewed the completed environmental checklist and other environmental information on file with the lead agency. This information is available for review upon request (and copying for a nominal photocopying charge) of File Number DPR-S-10-003 at the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, King Street Center, 201 South Jackson Street, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104. The environmental checklist, DNS and other information are also available on the King County Parks website: <a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/about/cougarmountainaccess.aspx">http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/about/cougarmountainaccess.aspx</a>.

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340. The lead agency will not act on this proposal until after Friday, December 3, 2010. The public comment period is fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance of the DNS pursuant to WAC 197-11-500. Any comments must be submitted in writing by 4:30 P.M., Friday, December 3, 2010. If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact Robert Nunnenkamp at (206) 263-6207.

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## THE APPEAL PROCESS

No SEPA administrative appeal is provided for the grading permit associated with this proposal. Any appeal of this determination relating to the permit associated with this proposal would need to be brought in conjunction with a challenge to Department of Development and Environmental Services decisions on the permit. Procedures for such appeals are set forth in King County Code sections 20.20.020, 20.24.080 and 20.44.120. For all other questions relating to this project, please call Robert Nunnenkamp at (206) 263-6207.